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It Will Be Interesting to Know Just What the Women of the Country Who Are Interested in Athletic Sports Think of Mr. Sullivan's Reason for Objecting to Their Participating in A. A. U. Meets.

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MR. SULLIVAN OF THE A. A. U. has been telling why the amateur organization is making such a determined fight against the participation by women in swimming and other athletic sports. The Central Association of the A. A. U. about to hold an indoor championship, has included in the programme a swimming race for women. This has aroused a tempest in Eastern A. A. U. circles. It is said the Central Association will be disciplined if it allows women to compete under its auspices.

Mr. Sullivan explains that he is not opposed to allowing American women to take part in the women's events in the Olympic games, but that he thinks that women who wish to take part in athletics should form a women's association.

In explaining his opposition, Mr. Sullivan says: "Years ago, when the walking and the cycling were great sources of recreation for women, the demands were made in the disguise of decent women and spoiled everything. The same thing would happen again if we were to throw down the bars and admit women."

It would be quite interesting to know just what the women of this country who are interested in athletic sports think of Mr. Sullivan's explanation.

WHAT LOGIC IS THERE in the action of the A. A. U. when it threatens to "discipline" an amateur body which includes an event for women on its championship programme? What logic was behind the recent threat to suspend all registered amateurs who competed in an amateur programme here if a woman's swimming event was included?

The A. A. U. does not recognize women as amateur swimmers or athletes. It ignores their existence. So how can it recognize their existence as possible professionals, with the object of suspending athletes who compete (in separate events) in the same meet?

IF THERE IS ANY MODERN IDEA in the world that deserves encouragement it is the idea of athletics for women. Men have had their outdoor life for ages, their hunting, fishing, and when civilization crowded too closely for these, their more artificial athletic sports. Women have had little of this. It is only in the past few years that they have taken up golf, tennis, swimming, and even track and field events and basketball. Without athletic mothers there'll never be a great athletic race.

Instead of using the power of the boycott to prevent the spread of athletic sports for women, the A. A. U. might do well to spend a little energy in being helpful. As for the notion that the sweet innocence of male A. A. U. members might be imperilled if they were allowed to compete upon the same programme (not in the same events) with American women, that is a little too absurd to be worth considering.

THE BOXING COMMISSIONERS have decided that Robert Fitzsimmons cannot box in any club in this State. Fitzsimmons questions the right of the commission to bar any reputable and healthy citizen and boxer from exercising his professional skill.

It looks very much as if the commission was willing to admit that boxing is not boxing, but just plain fighting. Otherwise, why should there be any reason for barring so skillful and reputable a boxer as Fitzsimmons? Surely an exemption can give an exhibition of boxing. And the law recognizes boxing exhibitions and exhibitions of boxing.

Personally, I would not like to see Fitzsimmons matched against any dangerous and heavy slugging fighter like Kearns, or Gumbert Smith, or Willard. Any such matchmaking would be worse than foolish; it would be shameful.

Fitzsimmons has been training for a long time, hasn't had a drink or a smoke in more than a year, and is very strong and fit for a man of his age. Jim Mac of England fought and won half a dozen fights when he was over sixty-five years of age. This was in South Africa. Fitzsimmons was born May 18, 1861. He's less than fifty-one. Still, it is impossible that he can have the speed and youthful endurance necessary in a fight with a dangerous opponent. He passed his fighting prime years ago, and has lost several fights since. Even the memory of his former greatness cannot bring back youth.

But what legal right can the commission have to "bar" Fitzsimmons from following the only profession he has lived by since he became an American citizen? With half the care exercised by some of our notable boxers in selecting opponents, Fitz might still roll up another fortune. And he needs it.

While we're on that subject, I see that Chairman O'Neill of the Boxing Commission has indirectly but none the less effectively pronounced Robert Fitzsimmons rightful holder of the title "middleweight champion of the world." This statement may astonish Mr. O'Neill, who probably hasn't thought of such a thing.

In a letter to me Saturday Commissioner O'Neill wrote: "Can you conceive any way by which the title belonging to Johnson could be taken away except by death or defeat? We might with equal dignity and self assurance decree that the King of England has forfeited his title as to rule that the heavyweight title is in abeyance. The title of champion is too valuable an asset to his possessor to be annulled except through the infraction of certain rules or regulations governing the sport. It's unfortunate that such a set of rules is not in existence to-day."

According to this, Bob Fitzsimmons, who won the middleweight championship from Jack Dempsey twenty years or so ago, could not have lost it except through death or defeat. Those who wear Freddie Brown in the ring last week, challenging the "white hope," will testify that he isn't dead. And every one knows that he never lost the middleweight title through being defeated. Ergo—he is still champion. If you don't think so, ask for a ruling from the commission.

AND JUST TO FOLLOW THE ARGUMENT a line or two further, why not this: Johnson can lose his title only by death or defeat. So Fitzsimmons could have lost his middleweight title only by death or defeat. He refuses to die, and the Commissioners refuse to let him box. As he can't box he can't lose the middleweight championship while he lives. From present appearances Fitz is likely to reach an age of about 100 years.

Sport Queries Answered.

To the Sporting Editor: Was Willie Beecher ever knocked out by Leach Crowe? Also, did he ever beat him? How many times did they fight?

MAURICE WHITMAN: Crowe and Beecher fought twice in "no decision" bouts in New York, the first time Feb. 27, 1911, and the next time Feb. 28, 1912. Both bouts went the limit. Crowe having the better of it each time.

To the Sporting Editor: A bats that first base only being occupied, one or none out, that the batter is out on an infield fly.

Bats that batter is out only when first and second are occupied, with one or none out. **T. INKBER,**

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Is it right?

To the Sporting Editor: Who did Matt Wells fight first, Knockout Brown or Packey McFarland?

A. HAMPTON: Wells fought Brown first at Madison Square Garden Aug. 30, 1911. He fought McFarland April 26, 1912.

To the Sporting Editor: (a) Is Gumbert Smith heavyweight champion? Did not he lose to George Carpentier of France? (b) What team is champion of the East, Harvard, Army or Catholic Indian School? (c)

Which is the better shortstop, Fletcher or Maranville or Boston?

F. W. KING: (a) Gumbert Smith is not heavyweight champion yet. He has never fought Carpentier. (b) Harvard is champion. (c) Fletcher is the better hitter.

To the Sporting Editor: A game of draw poker. A opens. B plays along and other players drop out. A draws one card. B draws one card. A without looking at the card he drew, bets one chip. B calls. A says "Kings up," which he shows, with the card he drew still in the table face down. B says "That's good."

A throws his hand in the deck without looking at his fifth card. A takes in the pot. B then says "Hold on, I have a nine full," which he shows. A refuses to give up the pot on the ground that B said his (A's) hand was good face down on the ground that he did not look at his fifth card to see whether he had made a full hand or not.

E. J. DOHERTY: There is no rule governing such a contingency in poker as you describe. On the basis of common sense and table sport, B loses. When B said A's hand was good that settled it. A player can have only one eye on a ball in poker.



What Big Baseball Men Think of Jump Made by Tinker and Brown

GOV. JOHN K. TENER, President of the National League—

"The National League will protect its interest."

BAN JOHNSON, President of the American League—

"I was sorry to hear Brown and Tinker had taken the step. Of course, it's a National League affair so far, and in my opinion the players' contract in the National League is so strong that both players can be stopped from playing with the outlaw organization if the National League cares to go to court. I say let the two players go to the Federal League if they want to. I take little stock in the stories emanating from Federal League sources that a lot more players of the major leagues will be in that organization when the season opens. Reports were sent out that several members of the St. Louis Browns had gone over to the Federal League team of that city, and also in Kansas City. One of the players mentioned sure to be with the Browns was Catcher Agnew. It was said he had cast in his lot with George Stovall and the Kansas City team. Now, I happen to know that the contract of Agnew for next season has been signed and has been filed by President Hedges of the Browns for a long time."

GARRY HERRMANN, Chairman of the National Baseball Commission—

"I have only this to say regarding the reported signing of Joe Tinker and Miner Brown by the Federal League, that it is hard to believe these two players have jumped organized baseball. Until I hear something more definite I should not care to comment any further."

EDWARD J. M'KEEVER, Vice-President of the Brooklyn Club—

"If it is really true that Tinker has signed with the

Federal League, the Brooklyn club in due time will take the matter into the courts. We will fight to a finish, too. As soon as we have proof that Tinker has put his name on paper we will instruct our attorney, Bernard J. York, to apply to the Federal courts for a permanent injunction restraining Tinker from playing baseball with the so-called Chicago Federal League club or with any other club identified with that circuit. Tinker signed a Cincinnati contract last winter for the season of 1913 and for a stated amount he sold an option on his services for the season of 1914. The Brooklyn club has purchased that contract and option for \$15,000 in the shape of a certified check which has been indorsed and cashed by the Cincinnati club and is now in our bank. I think that if Tinker has really jumped he has treated the Brooklyn club unfairly. We made him a fair salary proposition in writing a week ago which he is at liberty to make public. He did not take the trouble to answer our letter, though, and the fans ought to know it. Tinker has made himself unpopular in Brooklyn and I regret it. He could have reached terms with us that would have rewarded him liberally."

JAMES E. GAFFNEY, President of the Boston Nationals—

"I don't care to express an opinion, except that perhaps Tinker is bluffing."

WILLIAM F. BAKER, President of the Philadelphia Nationals—

"I think the whole Tinker episode up to the present time is unfortunate for the National League. If Tinker has jumped, as reported, it is up to the Brooklyn club owners to enforce their rights to the letter either by legal action or by any other course deemed advisable by their attorneys. Tinker's reported action doesn't add any strength to the fraternity's demands which are to be considered by the National Commission in Cincinnati on Jan. 6."

CHARLESTON WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—All ages; selling: six furlongs—Al Jones, 86 (McTigarr), 1 to 2, 1 to 6 and out, won; Willie, 106 (Seander), 2 to 4, 5 and 1 to 4, second; Floral Crown, 115 (Pickett), 50 to 1, 20 to 1, 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:14 1/2.

SECOND RACE—Selling: six furlongs—Curran also ran.

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Twelfth RACE—Selling: six furlongs—Curran also ran.

Thirteenth RACE—Selling: six furlongs—Curran also ran.

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CHARLESTON ENTRIES.

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Other Star Ball Players Now Expected to Follow Lead of Tinker and Brown

President James A. Gilmore of Federal League Due Here To-day for Purpose of Confering With Local Financiers Regarding Establishment of a Club in This City.

Another big war such as turned organized baseball upside down in 1900-1901 when the American League was established is predicted as the result of Joe Tinker of the Dodgers and Mordecai Brown of the Reds jumping to the Federal League. It is reported that the star shortstop has signed with the Chicago club of the outlaw organization for three years at a salary of \$12,000 a year, while the famous ex-Cub pitcher has hooked up with St. Louis of the same body at an equally exorbitant salary. It is believed that the jumping of these supposedly smart players means that many other stars of the American and National Leagues will flock to the Federals.

The news that Tinker had cast his lot with the Federals was a severe jolt to Brooklyn fans, who counted on this player bolstering up the Dodger infield so that it would be a championship contender next season. Whether or not President Gilmore will lose the \$15,000 that he paid Cincinnati for the release of this player is not known.

In the absence of President Gilmore, who is on his vacation, Vice-President McKeever declared that the Brooklyn Club would enjoy Tinker from playing with the Federals. The courts will be applied to for an injunction restraining the crack player from playing with the outlaws.

The outlaws say that they have all kinds of money with which to pay their men and that they are sure should Brooklyn and other clubs go to court for the purpose of enjoining players who sign with them that they will win out, as they believe the reserve clause embodied in each major league player's contract is invalid.

OUTLAW PRESIDENT WILL ARRIVE HERE TO-DAY.

James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal League, who caused the explosion of the Tinker-Brown bomb in the ranks of organized baseball Saturday when he announced in Chicago the names of the men backing the various clubs in the league, as well as some of the stars signed, is now on his way to this city for the purpose of confering with several financiers here relative to

the placing of a club in this city. It was rumored that the McMahon brothers, Jess and Ed, the local boxing and baseball promoters, were to purchase the franchise in the new league, but when queried on the subject they made an absolute denial of any intention of interesting themselves in the venture.

Organized baseball men who have been investigating the financial strength of the Federals still insist that the whole plan will go up in thin air. The owner of the Buffalo franchise is Dick Carroll, a former pitcher of the New York Americans, who is now a cigar salesman. Otto Stifel, the brewer, who is said to be the chief backer of the movement, refused to buy the St. Louis American League franchise two years ago, stating that the price was too high. Organized baseball men assert that Edward Hanlon and Henry Henry Goldman will not subscribe a dollar to promote the Federals' cause in Baltimore. While the so-called outlaws were in the act of forfeiting the Cleveland franchise to a proposed club in Toronto a report was sent out from Youngstown, Ohio, that James R. McAleer, now in Australia with the world's tourists, had purchased the franchise and franchise—acquired on the face of it.

Federals to Furnish Legal Fees for Players.

IN AN APPEAL to the Federal League will stand behind every one of its players, and in any case where legal action is brought against the men the league will furnish the defense," declared J. Edward Krause, a director of the Federal League, to-day, when told that the officials of the Brooklyn club were planning to enjoin Joe Tinker from playing with the Chicago team of the new organization.

"We think that the reserve clause in the contracts of the ball players is invalid and believe we can secure such a decision if the matter is taken into the courts," Mr. Krause asserted.

Mr. Krause laughed at the statement of August Herrmann that the league did not have financial backing, saying that plenty of money to carry through the Federal programme was available.

ROGON NOW THREATENS TO GO WITH FEDERALS.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 29.—That the Federal League is aniling for Don Carlos Rogon, Dodger twirler, was Rogon's own statement to-day.

"The Feds have offered me a two years' contract at a good salary," said Rogon. "It's a better offer than the Brooklyn Club has made me and I may accept."

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Our Athletes Win At New Zealand

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28.—Cable advice from Wellington, N. Z., says the United States team made a good showing in the international athletic meet there. The day's sport was marred, however, by an accident to George Parker, the California sprinter. To avoid running into the fence at the finish of the 100-yard race Parker pulled up so suddenly that he strained a tendon in his thigh and it was necessary to assist him from the field. Eusebio M. Peixotto, manager of the team, says it will be three weeks before Parker is able to run again. The race was won by Parker in 11.5 seconds.

Power, the American distance runner, was beaten four yards by Hall, a Wellington man, who had a handicap of 63 yards. Power's time for the full distance was 3 minutes 44 seconds.

Caughy of the United States team won the shot-put with a throw of 43 feet 1 inch. Templeton, third in this event, took second place in the pole vault, with 11 feet 3 inches.

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